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INTRODUCTION

This is the second annual report regarding the activities of the Libyan Journal of Medicine (LJM). We are pleased to announce that the LJM is growing very steadily, as indicated by the increase in the number of submissions by a healthy 60% in 2008.

The LJM is to be indexed in Embase as of 1st of April 2009, which is an acknowledgment of the high quality articles published in the LJM. Also, this is the first year that an unofficial impact factor could be calculated.

The main objective of the LJM for the year 2009 is to be indexed in PubMed Central and the PubMed. Serious steps have already been taken to achieve these goals. These will insure a wider readership and achievement of a larger number of citations for the LJM.

LJM is still supported by the goodwill of the editorial team and receives no external funding.

The LJM is strict on its editorial independence and high standards, and its goal of serving the international scientific community, especially in the Developing World. Also, we are maintaining a high team spirit in the editorial office and look forward to more achievements in 2009.



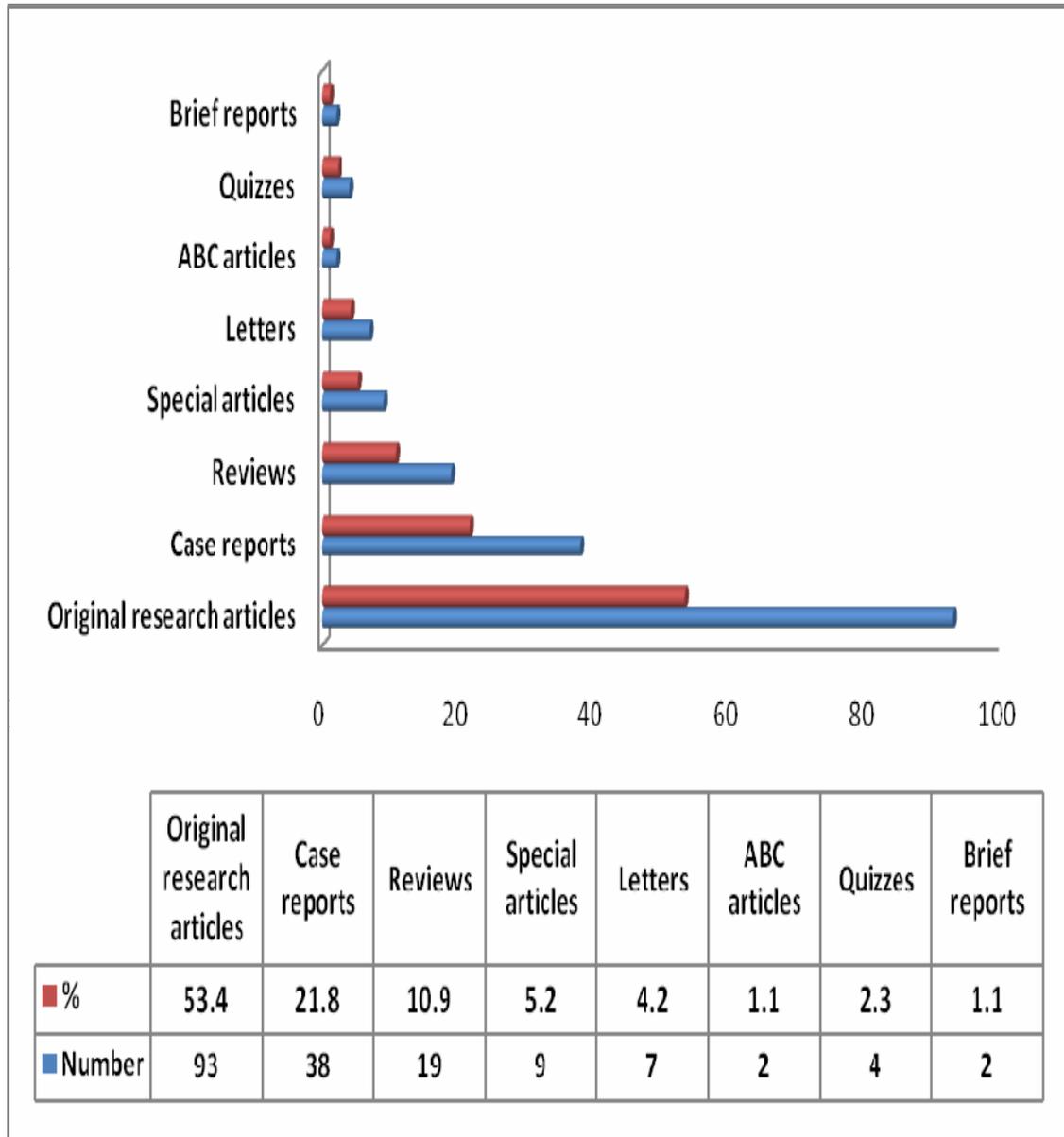
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The number of submissions in 2008 has increased by 60% from the previous year to reach a total of 174 manuscripts.
- The LJM continues to receive submissions from all over the world. The majority of the submission (85%) are from the Developing World (Arab, Asian and African countries) with the other (15%) coming from Europe and North America.
- The acceptance rate for the LJM was 38% in 2008.
- LJM accepted 60 articles in 2008 with 27% being original research ones.
- The overall average processing time was 57 days from submission to acceptance and 32 days from acceptance to publication in the website.
- LJM accepted articles from a large variety of disciplines, including medical education, medical history, and dentistry, although clinical subjects represent 59% of the published articles.
- The LJM website is accessed frequently with an average of 331 visits per day. It received around 2.5 millions hits in 2008.
- Articles from the LJM are making their way into citations by international journals. *The unofficial impact factor of LJM is 0.6.*

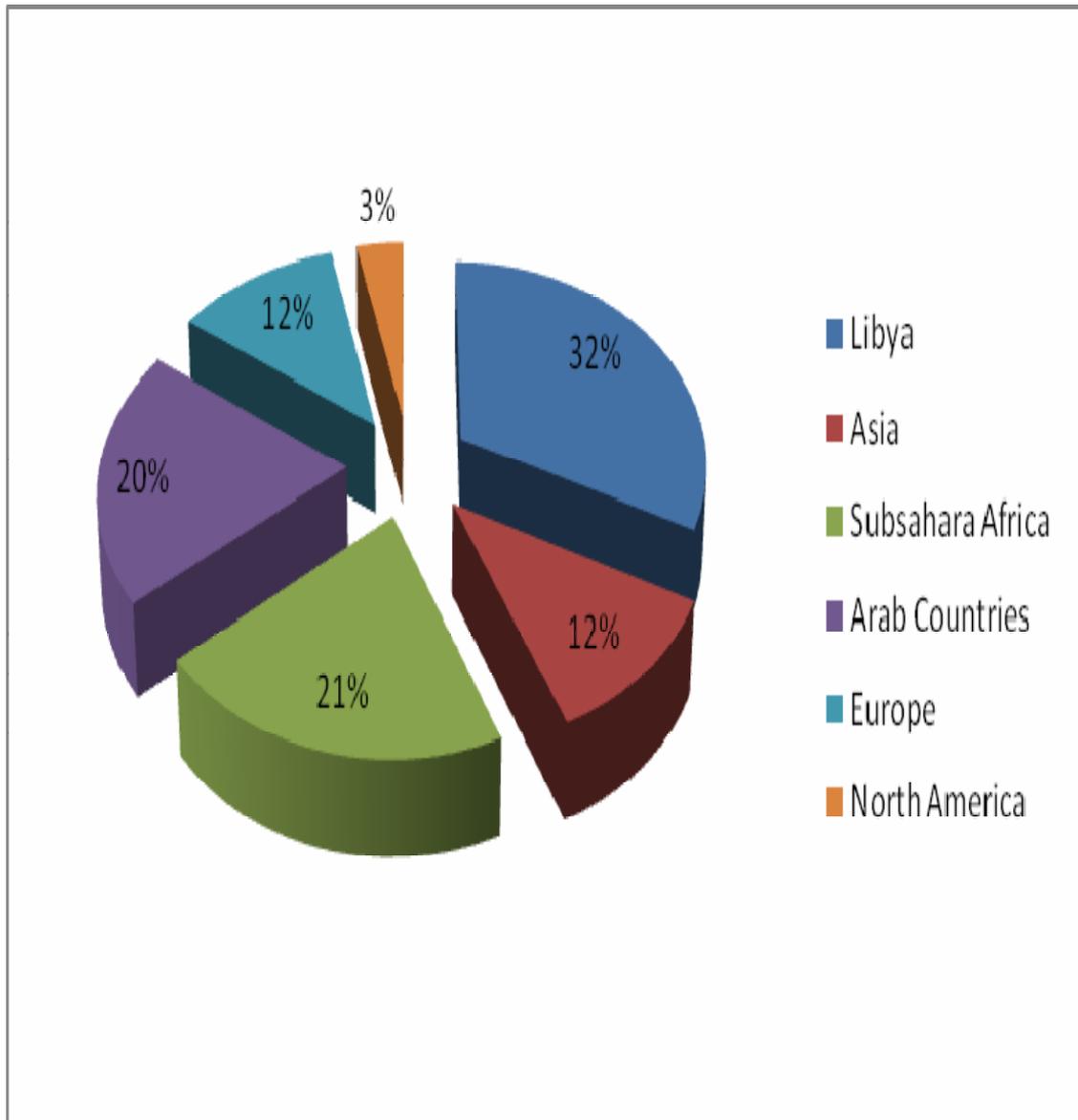


SUBMISSIONS

The LJM received a total of 174 submissions in 2008. This represents a 60% increase from the previous year (109 submissions in 2007). The submissions are distributed according to type of manuscript as shown in the following graph.



The LJM received submissions from various parts of the world, with submissions from developed nations constituting 85% of all submissions. The details are in the following graph.



ACCEPTANCE RATE

The overall acceptance rate for all types of manuscripts during 2008 was 38%. The tables below give detailed statistics on all manuscript categories.

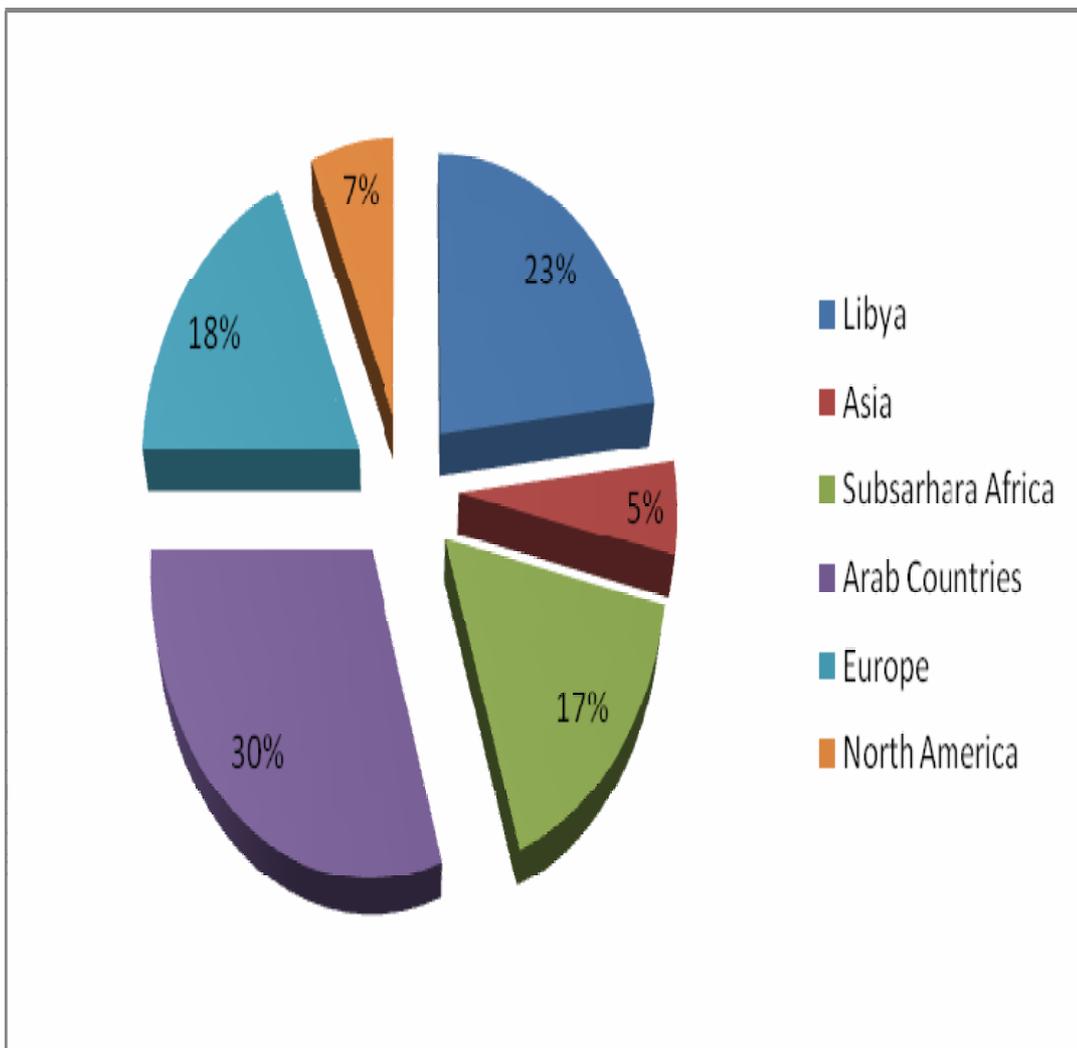
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Manuscript type	Accepted/ Submitted	Acceptance rate (%)
Original research articles	25/93	28%
Case reports	12/38	32%
Reviews	7/19	42%
Letters	7/7	100%
ABC articles	2/2	100%
Quizzes	1/4	25%
Brief reports	0/2	0%
Special articles (view points/ historical articles, etc.)	6/9	67%
TOTAL	60/174*	38%

**At the time this report was written, there were six other articles on which a decision was not yet made.*



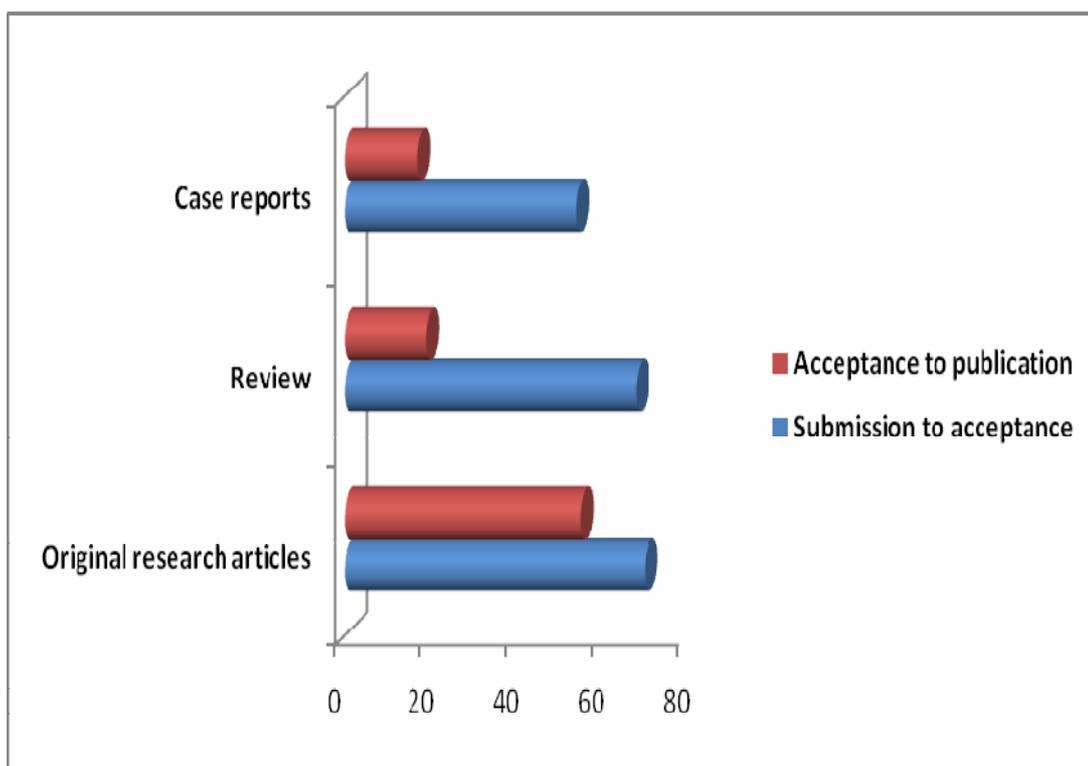
The LJM received articles from various parts of the world. The geographical origins of the published articles are shown in the following graph.



PROCESSING TIME

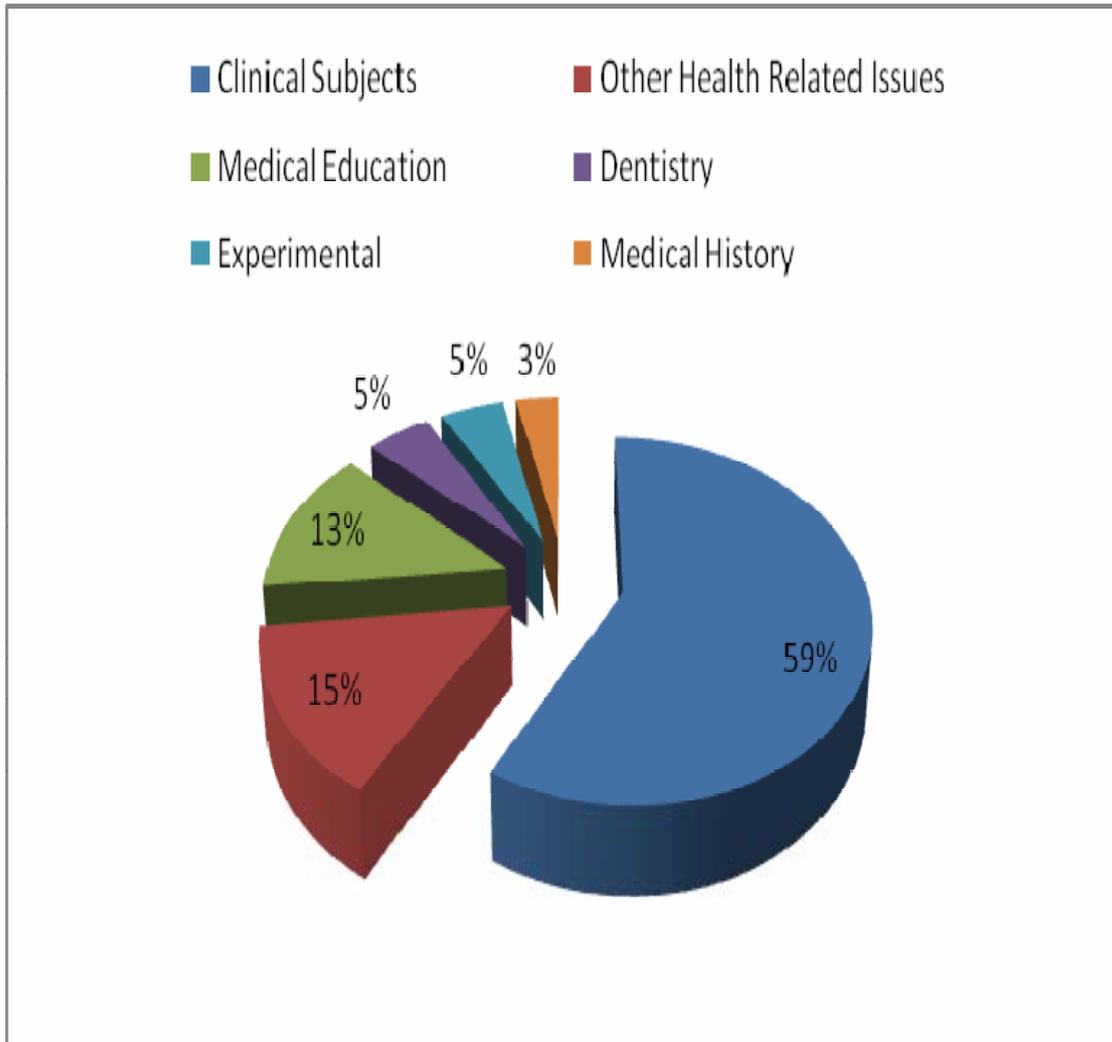
The average time from submission of articles to acceptance was 64 days, and from acceptance to publication in the website it was 30 days.

The figure below shows the average time of processing, in days, according to the type of publication.



SUBJECTS OF PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Clinical subjects accounted for more than half of all accepted articles. Other important categories were medical education and other health related issues.



WEB SITE TRAFFIC

The LJM web site had an average of 331 daily visits in 2008 and 10,146 monthly visits. The total number of hits for the same period was 2,468,365 million, indicating a substantial number of readers.

CITATION

Seventy-one LJM articles published in 2006 and 2007 have been cited 43 times in 2008, of which 32 were cited in LJM and 11 in other international journals. The unofficial impact factor is 0.6.

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